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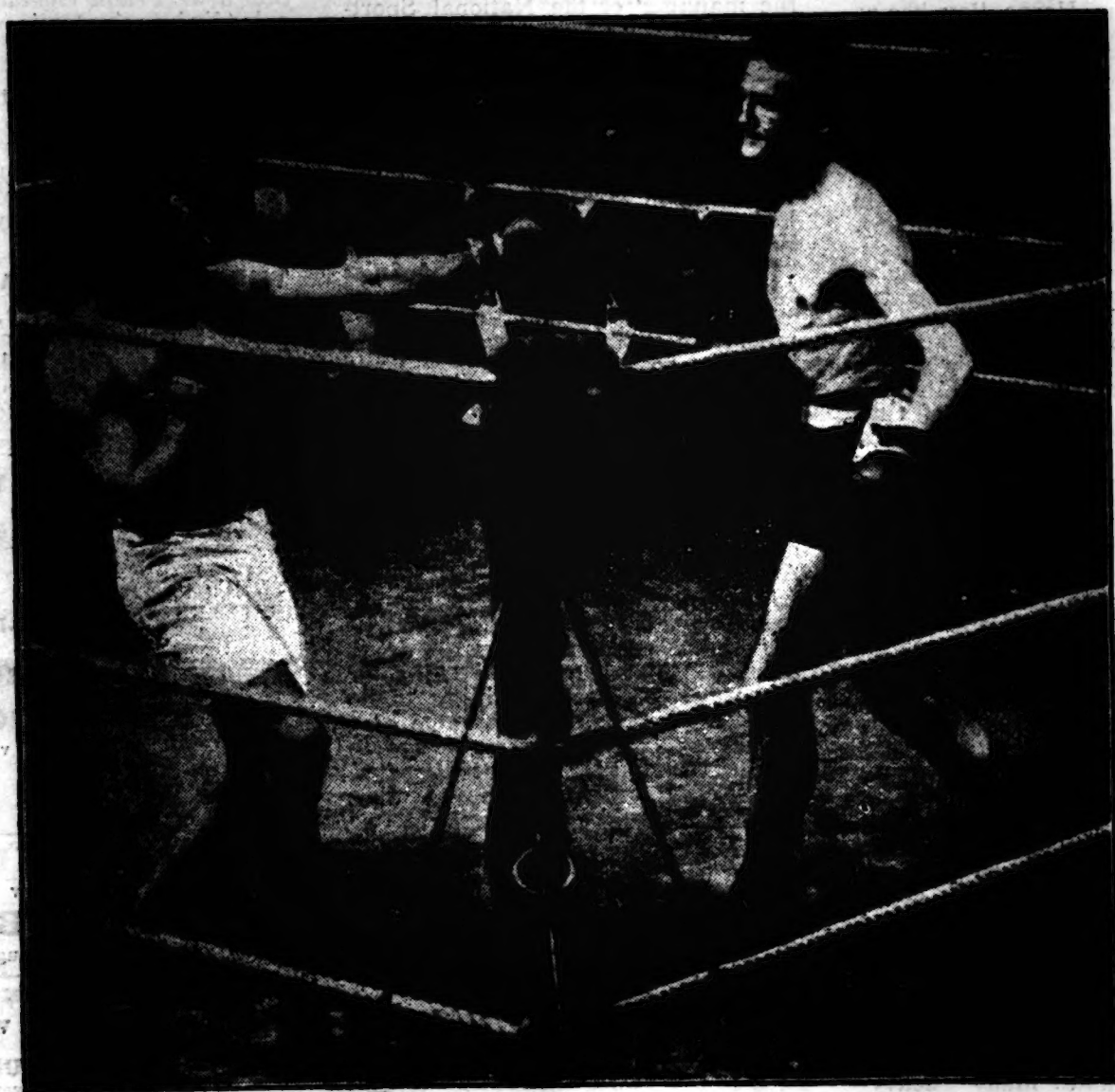
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CHARLES LEDOUX, seen in the above photo (on left) opposed to Jim Driscoll, whom he defeated four years ago, accomplished a capital performance when, last week, he beat Edouard Mascart, the French feather-weight, in Paris.

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FISTIC COMMENTS.

THE "FIGHTING FIREMAN."

Phil Scott, the Herne Bay heavy-weight, who formerly boxed in the name of Phil Suffling, and on Saturday last beat Tom Berry at The Ring, where, some few weeks back he triumphed over Albert Lloyd, will next be seen in action at the Hoxton Baths, as Jim Harris, the promoter there, has succeeded in matching him with Marcel Nilles, the French heavyweight, for a contest of fifteen rounds next Monday afternoon. Though still a member of the Fire Brigade, Scott has the good fortune to be able to arrange to take his off duty spells when he has ring engagements to fulfil, and, if not able to devote a lot of time to boxing, his occupation is one which helps to keep him fit. He's as much taken up with fire fighting as ring fighting, and for this reason is not disposed to hand in his resignation at the Bishopsgate Fire Station, where, except when it is his turn off, he has to answer calls by proceeding to conflagrations.

Scott naturally wants to win his way to fame in the ring, and whenever possible he will engage in a contest. He welcomes the match with Nilles, who recently stopped the Canadian, Larry Gains, and believes it will afford him a chance of adding another victory to his list. If he can make the headway in the game some predict that he will, the "Fighting Fireman" can count upon warm receptions, though of a different kind to some he and his courageous comrades of the F.B. have had when the Bishopsgate Station alarm has called them to duty. There should be a future for Phil in the roped arena, for he has more boxing ability than many heavyweights, and is the possessor of a punch. He doesn't seem to realise that when he shoots left or right home straight he hurts, however, but if and when he grasps this fact and tells himself that he can beat the other fellow he ought not to encounter defeat very often.

BLOOMFIELD AND RENAULT.

Meeting Mr. Dave Larholt, mine host of the "Admiral Duncan," Old Compton Street, and manager for Jack Bloomfield, a few days ago, I chatted with him about Bloomfield meeting Jack Renault, the Canadian champion, who in the past few months has made such a good reputation while figuring in contests with prominent American heavyweights, and he told me that he and the English "light-heavy" champion would like a match with Renault to materialise, and that there is a possibility of business being done with the Canadian, though for the time being they were not quite free in view of the projected Bloomfield-Georges Carpentier event, in which the former was most interested. To go against the Frenchman is Bloomfield's main desire, and in the event of Carp. going to America and keeping Jack waiting, the latter may tackle Renault and also George Cook.

A meeting of Bloomfield and Cook has been suggested, and both parties are willing that it should take place, but as Mr. A. F. Bettinson, the manager of the National Sporting Club, who wants to stage the event at the Holland Park Hall, has offered a date in May, and Bloomfield prefers to box in April there is a hitch. Bloomfield asked for the last mentioned month in case Major Wilson was able to induce Carpentier to meet him in May, and last week Jack accompanied the Major, Jim Harris and several others on a journey to Paris hoping that a definite date would be arranged for the contest between himself and the Frenchman. No arrangement was come to, however, so perhaps Bloomfield and Cook for May will be fixed.

Renault, not being in England, is in Cook's favour, for in view of his performances, the Canadian, were he in our midst, would have to be put forward as a more suitable opponent for Bloomfield than the Australian, despite the latter's recent good showing against the huge Dutchman, Van der Veer, when he was unlucky to get only a draw. Renault, though prepared to come this way may not be willing to do so unless he has the guarantee of a match, as in America he seems to keep pretty busy. He has attracted plenty of attention on the other side, and would doubtless do so here if he could secure a match with Bloomfield, who, it may be mentioned, boxed with him when on a visit to the States and Canada. Mr. Larholt claims that Bloomfield taught Renault to box, and perhaps Jack feels he knows enough about the Canadian to be able to beat him, but the latter must have come on quite a lot since the Englishman gave him lessons. Anyway, he has given proof that he can hand out a punch of the k.o. order to numerous "heavies." Mention of Cook reminds me that he has undertaken to meet Giuseppe Snalla, brother to Erminio Snalla, in Berlin on Friday next, and Arthur Townley on March 31 at the N.S.C.

JACK STANLEY'S CHALLENGE.

It is not improbable that the Cook-Townley affair may not go through, however, as the latter, when he engaged in a contest at Hull on Monday of last week, met with defeat. He lost on points to Jack Stanley (Deptford), a former policeman, in a fifteen rounds contest, and twice in the course of the bout narrowly escaped being counted out. Townley has been a most disappointing heavyweight, and too much credit need not be given to Stanley for overcoming him. In a contemporary a few days ago it was said that Stanley is amongst the most improved of our heavyweights, and it may be remarked that if he has not come on a great deal since I saw him beaten last November by Harry Persson, a Swedish "heavy" of the novice order, he has a long, long trail to traverse ere he can lay claim to consideration.

There is one man who apparently believes in Stanley, for I notice his manager, Harry Williams, has said he can find backing for him up to £500 for a match with either Dick Smith or Frank Goddard, and that a leading promoter is willing to put up a suitable nurse. Support for Stanley to the extent of a "mon-key" for any match, to my way of thinking, would not be justified, and though he and Goddard have been matched to meet at Hull on March 24, there is not to be a side-stake of such an amount or anything like it on the result.

THE FLYWEIGHT ASPIRANTS.

Next Monday night, at the National Sporting Club another of the flyweight Lonsdale belt eliminating contests will be decided, and one of contestants, Ernie Veitch (Leaming-

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ton-on-Tyne), will get his chance to qualify for the next series, due to George Garrard, the Acton lad, who earned the right to meet "Kid" Kelly (Plymouth) by defeating "Kid" Anthony (Cardiff) early last month, having to withdraw owing to injury to a hand.

Veitch was chosen as substitute for Garrard to go against Kelly, and when selected he had a claim to consideration on the strength of a victory he scored over Ernie Lord, but only last Thursday week he suffered a reverse at the Liverpool Stadium which rather puts him out of the running. He was defeated on points by Jim Hanna (Belfast), and it is claimed for the latter, who is to tackle "Kid" Nicholson (Leeds) at Manchester in a fifteen rounds event on Monday week, that he should be accepted as a worthy aspirant to flyweight honours, but for the time being he may be passed over as should he fail when he meets Nicholson he will have to take a back seat.

Seeing that Kelly has twice beaten Garrard it is hardly regrettable that the latter has had to withdraw, though it must be said that he has been unfortunate in sustaining the injury mentioned after having been chosen as a candidate and eliminated "Kid" Anthony, who, by the way, lost to Johnny Cuthbert, of Sheffield, last Thursday at Premierland. For the cutlery city lad it has been claimed that on the score of having beaten Elky Clark, the Scot, whose chance of annexing the belt is reckoned to be rosy, and Nicholson, he should be taken as a competitor, but I understand he is more of a bantam than a flyweight. However, as matters now stand, the winners of the Kelly-Veitch and Elky Clark-Johnny Jones bouts are to contest the final for the Lonsdale belt and flyweight championship of Great Britain in April, but if one of this quartette eventually carries off the title and trophy he will not be regarded as an unrivalled champion for Frankie Ash, who is in America, where he may in the near future dispute Pancho Villa's right to the flyweight championship of the world, must receive recognition as a candidate when he returns.

BOUTS FOR BELFAST.

As a caterer for boxing enthusiasts in Belfast, where I have met many keen followers of the game when I have officiated as referee at Celtic Park in the past, Mr. Jim Rice commands support, for he submits to his patrons programmes which compare very favourably with those arranged by any of the promoters in Great Britain.

A most appealing list of events has been arranged by Mr. Rice for his next show at the Ulster Hall, Belfast, on Monday the 3rd inst., there being every promise of capital sport provided by international bouts, the chief of which will bring together Tommy Milligan, the Scottish "welter," and Francis Desprey (France), who last Thursday acquitted himself well at the

Liverpool Stadium, where he encountered Billy Mattick.

To box the best of fifteen rounds, Milligan and Desprey meet, and in bouts scheduled for the same journey Kenny Webb and Jim Hanna, claimants to the feather and flyweight championships of Ireland respectively, will meet Lancastrians. Webb, a recent winner at Liverpool, goes against Harry Gent (Chorley), whilst Hanna's opponent will be Ernie Lord, of Salford. This does not complete Mr. Rice's programme, for he has engaged Joe Samuels (Liverpool) and T. McKinnon (Hamilton) and J. Hughes (Belfast), and Hugh McConnell (Edinburgh) to meet over ten rounds.

J. BISSELL.

PREMIERLAND.

BILL HANDLEY BEATS HARRY ROBINSON.

Having beaten each other on previous occasions, Bill Handley (Hackney) and Harry Robinson, the Maccabrough lightweight, contested the "rubber" when on Thursday last they met over fifteen rounds at Premierland, Whitechapel. The score is now 2-1 in favour of the Londoner for he won last week's bout on points. He was given a close run, however, and was fortunate in that in the sixth round he cut Robinson's left eye, for this hampered the Yorkshireman in the later stages when he fought hard in endeavouring to get on terms. The Londoner repeatedly landed on the damaged place with the left, and the injury undoubtedly affected Robinson's judgment of distance.

Rather tame, the boxing in the early rounds did not come up to expectations, but following a particularly quiet fifth session both warmed up, and there was an exchange of heavy punches at close quarters. Handley then cut Robinson's eye badly, but was himself the recipient of a nasty left hook. Handley made use of his long left in the next two rounds to play on Robinson's damaged eye, and he also used his feet cleverly to keep out of range of the Yorkshireman's swings for the body. Robinson did better in the tenth round, his two-handed short arm punching causing Handley to hold, and he shook the Londoner with a right to the chin. He repeated the punch in the next round, and also belted Handley about the body, but before the bell Handley found the damaged eye with a right hook.

Though Handley, as the bout proceeded, continued to score with light lefts, Robinson's short punches reached their objective often enough to make most of the rounds pretty even.

Johnny Cuthbert, a Sheffield flyweight, made a successful appearance in London in going against "Kid" Anthony, a rugged Cardiffian, in another fifteen rounder.

The latter set the pace in the first two rounds, but not very successful in scoring on Cuthbert, who often countered with swinging rights to the head. Cuthbert was again seen to advantage in the fourth meeting, during which he scored with several right uppercuts to the body, and when he took a turn at attacking in the following round, Anthony had to accept many straight left-hand jabs to the mouth. Up to this stage Anthony had done little scoring, and he fared no better in the sixth and seventh rounds, which found Cuthbert adding to his lead. The Welsh lad continued his attempts to land a swinging right in the ninth round, but Cuthbert was able to avoid with apparent ease, and Anthony was completely out-boxed in the tenth round, and a similar order of things prevailed as the bout advanced. Anthony fought gamely, but he was no match for the Yorkshire lad, who finally won by a big margin of points.

HARRY GOLD WINS.

The chief event at Premierland last Sunday afternoon should have been a fifteen rounder between Ernie Lord (Salford) and Johnny Haydn (Cardiff), but Lord was unfit to do duty, and Johnny Murton (Walworth) filled the breach. Murton gave a plucky display in a good bout, but he could not complain when the verdict went to Haydn. In another fifteen rounds event Harry Gold (Ealing) beat Fred Tovee (Marylebone) in the eighth round. Tovee's eye was so badly cut that it caused his seconds to throw in the towel.

Eddie Kane, manager of Tom Gibbons, does not agree with the writer that his protegee is not entitled to the next chance with Dempsey. Naturally, he thinks very much the other way and in a very courteous letter to the writer gives some of his reasons for his opinion.

"Because of the good showing made by Gibbons against Dempsey last summer, I think that Tom is entitled to the first real shot at Dempsey," says Kane. "True, Tom lost at Shelby, and we have no complaint to make about the decision, which was rightfully Dempsey's; but he won it in the last three rounds and with a few conditions changed I know that Gibbons can beat Dempsey."

"I read a story the other day in which Dempsey mentioned that Tom was not a quick thinker. That might be true, but having handled Tom eight years, I think I am better qualified to judge than Dempsey. As for Dempsey tricking Tom into doing things, I can't say, but according to the plans we made from round to round Tom worked perfectly, and if he had had the use of both legs after the 12th round the decision might have been harder for the referee to render."

OUR NOTE BOOK.

FRENCH "FEATHER'S" FAILURE.—LEDOUX'S PERFORMANCE OF BEATING MASCART.—FRANK MOODY WINS IN AMERICA.—BILLY WELLS AND FRED ARCHER BEATEN.—A KNOCKOUT ARTISTE WHO FORSOOK THE MAT FOR THE RING.

Though stripped of the European and French "bantam" titles he held for so many years, Charles Ledoux is in the limelight again, for on Tuesday of last week in Paris he accomplished what must go on record as a great performance. A veteran of the ring, the rugged little Frenchman, who was 31 years of age last October, gave away half a stone and mastered Edouard Mascart, a featherweight ten years younger than himself, in a twenty rounds contest, which is said to have been one of the best bouts ever decided in the French capital.

Ledoux is reported to have boxed with all his old skill and dash, taken the offensive from the start, and subjected Mascart, who fought gamely though wildly, to very heavy punishment. It was a sweeping victory for age and science over youth and inexperience we are told, and certainly Ledoux is deserving of praise for having conquered his countryman, who stood out as the most logical opponent for Eugene Criqui in a European featherweight championship battle.

In France Ledoux, by reason of beating Mascart, is recognised as the holder of that title because Mascart was proclaimed the champion when Criqui, the real holder, was compelled to decline a match with Mascart owing to bad hands. The International Boxing Union "presented" Mascart with the title, but in doing so overstepped the mark, for it is generally acknowledged that a championship changes hands only when a holder is beaten under regular conditions or resigns his title. For neither reason can Criqui be said to have been dispossessed of the European featherweight laurels, and those who now regard Ledoux as his successor must feel they are wrong in doing so, for the latter, when he met Criqui two years ago, was knocked out in the first round. It isn't logical to say that Ledoux has succeeded Criqui as champion, but all must admit the former's sterling accomplishment of beating Mascart, who, by knocking out Mick McAdam some little time back, put the Scot out of the running for a championship match with Criqui.

Some few days ago we had word of three of the many English boxers at present in America engaging in contests, and two of the results were disappointing. Frank Moody, "Bermondsey" Billy Wells and Fred Archer were the men engaged, and only the first named chalked up a

victory. Frank has been the most successful of our representatives on the other side, and of nine bouts he has engaged in only one, that with Lan Bogash, in Boston, has gone against him. Seven of his eight victories have been scored by the k.o., and his latest victim, Joe Jackson, at Wilkesbarre on Tuesday of last week, took the count in the seventh round. It may not be said that Moody has disposed of top-notchers, but that isn't his fault; has he has not been able to induce the cracks to give him a chance.

Archer and Wells were defeated by "K.O." Kaplan and Dave Shade respectively, the former losing in the ninth essay, when, because of injury to his nose, the bout was stopped, and Wells being out-pointed over ten rounds. Shade, we are told, weighed 10st. 13lbs. and had a pull of half a dozen pounds, but he must be the better man, for he had beaten the Bermondsey man previously, and about four weeks ago won over Ted Moore, who, on the only occasion that he met Wells, proved the superior boxer and was most unfortunate to be adjudged the loser.

It appears that Shade, who was regarded as the man with first claim to dispute Mickey Walker's right to the world's welterweight title, has grown out of the 10-7 division, and if he has, Wells may still hope to get a crack at Walker under championship conditions. On the whole Billy has fared pretty well in the Sates, and Jack Dempsey, to whom he acted as sparring partner for some time, predicted he would make amends for disappointing in his first match with Shade, but he has failed to do so.

Few wrestlers have turned their attention to boxing, and we cannot recall one who has done as well in the roped square as on the mat, but in America they have a welterweight ex-grappler who promises to capture a ring championship. His name is Paul Berlenbach, and he scored the most notable victory of his career when he recently knocked out Frank Carbone at Madison Square Garden in the sixth round of their scheduled twelve rounds contest. It was the twenty-third consecutive knockout by Berlenbach in his twenty-three fights, including the sixteen in which he engaged in the amateur ranks, so "welters" hoping to get a shy at it would appear that the English Mickey Walker had better steer

clear of him. Our middleweight representatives on the other side should not be over eager to meet Berlenbach either, for he gave Carbone a dozen pounds, and is the only man who has knocked out the latter, who, in his long career, has met five middleweight champions of America, some of them more than once. What Geo. Chip, Al McCoy, Mike O'Dowd, Johnny Wilson and Harry Greb could not do was done by Berlenbach, so far little more than a novice, but a man we shall doubtless hear more about.

AT THE N.B.C.

BOB SPILLER AND ERNIE IZZARD WIN.

Winners were returned in two of three ten rounds events at the National Sporting Club last Monday night, and there was no doubt about their victories. P.O. Bob Spiller (Chatham) knocked out Jack Hankinson (R.A.F.), whilst Ernie Izzard (Herne Hill) well outpointed Jack Alexander (Manchester). The other ten-rounder contested by Billy Shepherd (Sheffield) and Jack Slattery (Accrington) was declared a draw after a very strenuous bout. Slattery promised to win at the beginning, but Shepherd came along so strongly that most people thought he should have been returned the winner when at the finish the judges disagreed.

Spiller and Hankinson were opponents for two exciting rounds. At first it seemed as if the latter, the younger man, would win, but Spiller, served by experience, came back after being upset, and knocked his man out in dealing a good right to the jaw.

The Izzard-Alexander contest was a good thing for the former from first to last. He was never extended by the Mancunian, and for this reason did not give of his best in a not very lively contest. Izzard's left hand, backed by a long reach, was too much for Alexander, a willing fellow, and the further the bout went, the longer the Londoner's lead became.

"KID" MOOSE AND STANLEY GLEN.

"Kid" Moose (Southport), a frequent winner at the Liverpool Stadium during the past twelve months, is to engage in another contest at that hall on Thursday night, and it will be no surprise if he masters Stanley Glen, the London middleweight, who, though a fairly clever boxer, is not a consistent performer. Over the fifteen rounds course the men are to meet, and what should prove a good supporting event of the same length will bring together "Young" Tilston (Chester) and Billy O'Brien (Mildesbrough).

AT THE RING.

TEDDY REED STOPS TEDDY JOHNS.

Of three fifteen rounds contests decided last Thursday night at The Ring, the one in which most interest centred was between Teddy Reed (Walworth) and Teddy Johns (Bermondsey), keen South London rivals belonging to the lightweight division, who remained in opposition until midway through the tenth round, when Reed, the better boxer, who had established a long lead, disposed of his man by sending a straight left to the chin. The punch, though not a particularly hard one, quite finished the Bermondsey man, who came in for punishment in the preceding sessions, due to having practically no defence.

Merely a plodding boxer, Johns, who went after his man most of the time, was repeatedly running into punches, and although he fairly often got to short-arm range, where he hoped to do damage with body punches, he could not administer a damaging punch, and almost every time Reed elected to fight his way free he nailed the Bermondsey man on the face with good rights and lefts. Johns was shaken at different stages, but he was a very willing fellow, and once or twice there seemed a chance that he would wear his man down. Reed kept pegging away, however, and it was Johns who eventually weakened most, so that when the latter napped the left in the tenth essay he was unable to make an effort to rise before the referee had counted him out.

Ernie Milsom (Walworth) beat Sid Chilton (Kentish Town) on points in a gruelling fifteen rounds bout, and the other bout of the same length between Jim Blake (Bethnal Green) and Sam Minto (America) was won by the former on points.

PHIL SCOTT BEATS TOM BERRY.

Phil Scott (Herne Bay), formerly Phil Suffling, was successful again on Saturday last when, at The Ring, he went against Tom Berry (Custom House) in a fifteen rounds contest, which he tried to get over inside of the limit without being able to do so. By a fairly good margin of points the Herne Bay man won, but it may not be said that he gave a convincing display, for he neither boxed well nor hit with sting enough to distress Berry except when late in the second round he sent him reeling to the ropes with a straight right to the jaw, and the bell rang before he could follow up.

Instead of making use of his left against a man who was conceding reach, Scott often consented to battle at close quarters, where his work, like Berry's, was ragged. Scott did some left leading in the fifth term, but his jabs lacked sting, and his half-arm hitting to the body was ineffective. His right went home a few times in the sixth

stage, when he directed it at the jaw, but Berry knew enough to get "inside" and rest for a brief space, and although in the seventh and two following rounds the Londoner had the worse of rather scrambling boxing, he dealt a few lefts to the body and stung Scott. Nearly all Berry's punches were of the round-arm variety, and he landed several of them in the tenth and eleventh essays, but Scott generally replied and hit the harder. With left jabs to the face Scott met his man as he advanced time and again in the twelfth round, and at the close of the round Berry went to his corner tired. The closing stages were productive of scrappy, close range work, and after what was only a moderate bout Scott was returned the winner.

Three ten rounds bouts were decided, and they resulted in Johnny Geach (Millwall) outpointing Geo. Ball (Bermondsey); Teddy Munn (Regent's Park) drawing with Air-Mec. Tate (R.A.F.); and Sid Fanner, a Welsh featherweight, stopping Johnny Thomas (Clerkenwell) in the first round.

ALBERT ROGERS DEFEATS ALBERT LLOYD.

In view of the fact that he made a concession of close upon two stones, Albert Rogers (Mitcham) had reason to feel that he had done well when at the close of fifteen rounds, in which he met Albert Lloyd, the Australian heavyweight, he was returned the winner at The Ring last Monday night. The "Aussie" may have been somewhat out of condition and, therefore, not equal to giving of his best, but all the same, Rogers's performance was a creditable one. In the early rounds Lloyd foiled his man's attempts to land, and countered so well with right half-uppercuts that the Englishman's prospects appeared anything but rosy, but after a short time Rogers, a forceful boxer, who paid attention to the body and had the harder punch, began to wear Lloyd down.

Though on the retreat much of the time, Lloyd neglected to employ his left for defensive hitting, and he could not keep clear of his man, who hooked to the jaw as well as the body time and again. Lloyd's short-arm punches had little effect, and after Rogers had hustled him about for ten rounds or so the Antipodean was leg and arm weary. It was hard going for Lloyd in the late stages, and he did little but keep out of the way of the persistent Mitcham man, who forced it for all he was worth, punching away with both hands. With a body blow rather late in the bout Rogers put his man down for a short count, and when Lloyd had struggled through to the finish the award went to Rogers.

Johnny Bishop (Peckham) beat Sid Franks (Bishopsgate) in the fourteenth essay of a fifteen rounds event, the referee stopping what had been a one-sided affair, and over ten rounds Bill Softley (Poplar) well outpointed Harry Atkins (Poplar).

HOXTON BATHS

STANLEY GLEN TWICE BEATEN IN ONE CONTEST.

Due to the referee's weakness, Gaston Latont, a French middle weight, was called upon to beat Stanley Glen (Bethnal Green) twice in a fifteen rounds contest at Hoxton Baths last Monday afternoon before he was permitted to vacate the ring a winner. When very early in the second round the French man noosed his opponent with a legitimate right hand body punch, and appeals were made for a foul, the referee very properly allowed the time-keeper to count Glen out, and then said Latont was the winner, but instead of this decision being announced the M.C. told the spectators no decision would be given until a doctor had examined Glen. The referee impressed upon the M.C. that Latont had won, but instead of insisting on his decision being rendered, he allowed himself to be overruled by the time-keeper, who rang the bell for the men to resume boxing. The men responded to the call, and the contest proceeded, with Glen showing no trace of having been struck low. He had not been felled, or fazed, and was able to carry on to the finish, when justice was eventually done by Latont being proclaimed the winner on points. Glen never boxed with confidence, and the referee left-hand jabbing he put in was useless much of the time, for Latont was able to get to the jaw with right swings and deal body punishment with both hands. The Frenchman was always the aggressor, and from the sixth round he quite outought Glen, who, in view of the holding he did round after round, was lucky to escape disqualification.

Corpl. Downton (R.M.L.I.) well outpointed Tom Humphries (Hackney) over fifteen rounds, Charlie Wye (Hoxton) beat Frank White (Clerkenwell) on points, and Sid Cannons (Spitalfields) won on points from Sam Blacker (St. George's).

VALUABLE BOXING VOLUME.

Having had the pleasure of scanning the latest, and we may say a most welcome edition to our collection of books on boxing, we have to confess that Mr. C. Rose, the author of "Boxing Taught Through the 'Slow-Motion' Film," has done very good service in giving us a book of instruction, which, in very plain language, conveys authentic knowledge of the noble art, in need of which are not only tyros, but many of those who profess to be able to box. Illustrated by "Slow Motion" Pictures, the volume merits high recommendation, and those of our readers who would like to possess a copy can do so for the small outlay of 2/6. The book is published by Athletic Publications, Ltd., 55, Fetter Lane, London, E.C.

RACING NOTES

STILL ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL WEEK FOR OUR FOLLOWERS.

Of the selections given in last week's issue we had THIRTEEN RUNNERS, which included the following:—

TURKEY BUZZARD	... Won 8-1
DITCHLEY	... Won 8-1
LE CELLIER	... Won 8-1
IRELAND GREEN	... Won 9-4
SOUTHEND	... 2nd 6-1
HUNGARIAN	... 2nd 5-1
DWARF O' FOREST	2nd 5-1

THIS WEEK'S RACING—

The best sport of the week will be witnessed at Gatwick on Friday and Saturday, where some very interesting racing should take place. The chief items at this popular fixture being the National Trial Steeplechase on the first day, and the Tantivy Steeplechase on the concluding day.

The first named event should draw a great attendance if such as Shaun Spadah, Hawker, Silvo, Forewarned, Gem, Chin Chin, Arravale, Eureka II., Super Man, Sergeant Murphy, Drifter, Libretto and Punt Gun are found among the probable starters, and as the present arrangements are that the majority of the above mentioned are due to compete a splendid race should be witnessed.

After Shaun Spadah's display last week, G. Poole will probably be represented by Punt Gun, who, with such a convenient weight, is sure to be very hard to beat.

We fully expect to see Hawker, Silvo, Punt Gun, and the selected

of Blackwell's, furnish the winner; our chief fancy being for

PUNT GUN,

whilst SILVO and DRIFTER may prove the best of the remainder.

The following should go close to winning their respective engagements:—

SANDOWN—THURSDAY.

Royal Artillery Steeplechase—**TANAPEX.**
Royal Artillery Obique Plate—**MUSCADIN.**
The Gold Cup—**CLONHUGH.**
The Hyacinth Hurdle Race—**CORAZON**
The Lightweight Steeplechase—**CIVVY LIFE.**
The Violet Hurdle Race—**HARTIGAN'S SELECTED.**

GATWICK—FRIDAY.

The Ewell Hurdle Race—**PUCK.**
The Rostrum Steeplechase—**KNOCKCROGHTRY II.**
The Rasper Hurdle Race—**OLD NIC.**
Four-Year-Old Hurdle Race—**ORANGE RIVER.**

GATWICK—SATURDAY.

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THE DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

As in a few week's time the boxing at the Alexandra Palace will be upon us, it is not surprising to learn from the various club secretaries that the boxers who participate in the sport for the love of it, are making the most of practice nights. The youngsters who have graduated from the novice classes and aspire to championship honours are particularly enthusiastic and those in and around London will this month try to qualify for the big "A.P." tournament by competing in the divisional championships, which will be decided as follows: March 10, S.W. Division, Manor Place Baths, Walworth; March 18, S.E. Division, Bermondsey Town Hall; March 20, N.E. Division, Hoxton Baths; March 25, N.W. Division, The Baths, Prince of Wales Road, N.W.

At the recognised weights: Fly, 8st.; bantam, 8st. 6lbs.; feather, 9st.; light, 9st. 9lbs.; welter, 10st. 7lbs.; middle, 11st. 6lbs.; light-heavy, 12st. 7lbs.; heavy any weight, the divisional titles will be fought for, and all amateurs desirous of competing are requested to note that the closing date for entries is Saturday, March 1st. The entrance fee for each weight is 2/6, and must accompany entry forms which should be sent to Mr. E. T. Calver, 22, Great James St., Bedford Row, W.C.

Winners of the divisional championships and holders of A.B.A. titles are eligible to compete at the Palace, when on April 9 the big meeting takes place.

BELSIZE B.C.

Mr. Jas. E. ("Jimmy") Dewhurst, the hon. secretary of the Belsize B.C., has come through with the advice that on March 13, at the Eyre Arms Assembly Rooms, St. John's Wood, his club will hold competitions at three weights. Competitors, which will include representatives of the Royal Military College (Sandhurst), Royal Military Academy (Woolwich), Honourable Artillery Company, United Hospitals, the Stock Exchange, United Insurances B.C. and the promoting club. There is to be an open comp. at the recognised lightweight limit in addition to the above mentioned invitation events, and such a good programme should attract a big crowd. The boxing is timed to commence at 7 p.m.

THE MIDLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS.

For the Midland amateur boxing championships at the eight recognised weights an entry of 82 has been received by Mr. H. E. Williams, the hon. sec. of the Midland Counties A.B.A., and we are informed that all the holders have signified their intention of defending their titles.

As already mentioned in these columns, the events have been al-

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lotted to different clubs in the Midlands. The competitions for the flyweight and heavyweight titles take place on Friday at the Metropolitan B.C., Salford, and the venues and dates for the other weights are as follow: Light-weight, March 4, Aston Club; featherweight, March 7, Avery's Club; middleweight, March 14, Nettlefold's Club; bantamweight, March 21, Tangye's Club; welterweight and light-heavyweight, Magnet Club (date to be arranged). Winners of the various events will be eligible to represent the Midlands in the A.B.A. championships at Alexandra Park.

FOLKESTONE BOUT FOR MARQUIS.

Together with the Army champions, the Marquis of Clydesdale, captain of the Oxford University B.C. and pupil of Dick Smith, the former A.B.A. heavyweight champion, is to box ten rounds with the middleweight champion of the Tank Corps at Folkestone on Mar. 7, when a tournament is to be held in aid of the local football club.

A GAINSFORD SUCCESS

When the Gainsford Boxing, Rowing and Athletic Club's annual competitions were held at the N.S.C. on Tuesday of last week it was found to be necessary, owing to the numerous entries received, and so many lads passing the scales, to hold over the 8st. open event to a future date. Deciding a 10-4 open and a 9-6 open novices' comp. occupied a full evening, an early start being made, and the tournament not finishing until close upon midnight.

Of twelve competitors in the 10-4 event three represented the promoting club, and J. Kent, the best of the trio, was the successful finalist. He won over B. Asquith (Oxford and Bermondsey Old Boys' B.C.), who was disqualified for holding in the third round. A popular winner of the novices' comp. was H. Miller (Tilling's B.C.), who in the final outpointed J. C. Williams (Columbia B.C.).

SCOTTISH NOTES.

The Synod Hall, Edinburgh, was packed on Wednesday of last week to witness the monthly open competitions promoted by the Eastern A.B.C., so that evidently amateur boxing is coming into its own again in the Scottish capital, despite the opposition of the paid brigade. A large entry was received for the competitions at 8st. and 9st., and the officials of the club had their work cut out to get the show finished, the boxing being carried on to a late hour.

An unfortunate incident occurred in the semi-final of the 9st. comp., D. Short, of the promoting club, being accidentally fouled low by the head of his opponent, who was promptly disqualified. Short was unable to turn out in the final owing to the injury, and G. Hateley (Edinburgh A.B.C.), who had beaten T. Goodlet (Eastern) and T.

Robertson (Leith Victoria), had a walk-over. The final of the 8st. comp. was keenly contested between J. Smith (Edinburgh A.B.C.) and W. Traynor (Leith Victoria), who had each scored three wins, and the former was successful on points. The competitions were the first in Edinburgh this season, in which representatives of the Eastern Club did not carry off the premier awards.

Leith Victoria have engaged the Drill Hall, Forest Road, Edinburgh, for Saturday, March 1st, when, in addition to open competitions at 9st. 9lbs. and 10st. 7lbs., two six-rounds contests, possibly between J. McKenzie (Leith Victoria), fly- and bantamweight champion of the East of Scotland, and J. Hill (Melbourne), and W. White (Leith Victoria), lightweight champion of the East of Scotland, and W. Striley, (Scottish National).

Edinburgh University B.C. championships will be held in the University Union on Wednesday, Mar. 5, at 7.30 p.m.

Another notable entrant for the United Scottish championships, besides the Marquis of Douglas and Clydesdale, is Eddie Egan, of Oxford University, the A.B.A. heavy weight champion.

WEST OF SCOTLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The West of Scotland amateur championships were decided last Friday and Saturday at Hengler's Circus, Glasgow, when the hall was filled, and the various weights produced lively boxing, with a fair sprinkling of knock-outs. There was no contest in the middleweight division, only one entrant coming forward. The heavyweight division in the final supplied a remarkable bout for speed and punishment, and the win J. Davison scored over W. Crookston constituted a dual success at the meeting for Davison on Friday won the light-heavyweight title. In the "bantams," M'Millan also came near a dual victory, being narrowly beaten on points by D. Wilson (Clydebank) in the final after having captured the flyweight championship the previous evening, when in the final he outpointed W. Ferguson (Clydebank). Harry Dingley (Glasgow Club) carried off the "feather" title per four victories, and J. Seeley, a member of the same club, annexed the lightweight title, boxing thrice to do so. In the "welter" class R. Ward (Victoria) was the successful competitor, and made the same number of appearances.

A smaller crowd than usual assembled at the Metropolitan A.B.A. last Friday, when in a six rounds contest, J. Higginson and F. Keegan, members of the club, had only a moderate argument, which panned out in favour of the former, and in a four rounds "go" W. Kirby (Edgbaston) outpointed W. Clewley (Birmingham Carriage Works) and P. Hall (Metropolitan) proved too good for T. Hare (Edgbaston) with the result that in the fifth session the referee applied the closure.

A matter worth mentioning is that decisions rendered at some of the recent amateur tournaments have not given satisfaction. Some of the referees and judges have been responsible for what people, who know boxing, have regarded as unjust verdicts, and spectators have so strongly voiced their disapproval that in future when the judges disagree, the fact that they have done so and the referee has given the casting vote will not be announced.

In aid of the Deptford R.C. Schools, an amateur tournament will be held at New Cross Baths next Wednesday. There will be competitions at 8st. 8lbs. and 10st. 7lbs. (open), and 9st. 9lbs. (open novices), also a six rounds contest between J. Elliott (Polytechnic B.C.) and A. Whitbread (Fulham B.C.) and an exhibition bout between H. Mallin and H. Mitchell (Polytechnic B.C.).

LIVERPOOL STADIUM.

BILLY MATTICK AND 'YOUNG' BULL SUCCESSFUL.

Re-appearing at the Liverpool Stadium last Thursday night in fifteen rounds contests, Billy Mattick and "Young" Bull brought off a double for Castleford, the town to which they belong. They were opposed by French boxers, and Mattick's was the harder-earned victory, for Francis Desprey disputed the issue over the full course. Bull met Julian Couleand, who deputised for Marcel Deveney, and won in the seventh round, when Couleand surrendered.

At 10st. 6lbs. Mattick and Desprey were matched, and once the bell started them on their journey they didn't waste any time. The Englishman was aggressive at the outset, but a right hook to the jaw from Desprey had a steadying effect. Fast exchanges marked the second round, and the heavier punches of Mattick were a feature. Desprey, however, responded well with short, snappy lefts to the face and head. In the third round Mattick scored with both hands to head and ribs, and next time up he did the more forcing, but Desprey was always doing well. Midway through the round the Frenchman went to the boards, but he regained his feet immediately. The fifth essay was a terrific one and Mattick had a rough time, but stuck to his work gamely. Early in the sixth meeting Mattick did capitally, but his punches were not very heavy. The Frenchman, though outpointed in this round, boxed strongly, and the seventh round went all in favour of Desprey, who scored repeatedly with double-handed punches to the face.

It was pretty even going in the eighth essay, for although the Yorkshireman did the forcing, Desprey boxed well on the retreat. In the ninth the Frenchman also did well, and next time up, with a volley of punches, which included right and left to the jaw, he put Mattick down

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for a long count. At the eleventh meeting both were quickly at work, and each landed heavy punches to the jaw. In the later stages of this round they stood toe to toe and exchanged punches freely. Desprey appeared to be tiring, whilst the Yorkshireman had undoubtedly recovered. For a couple of rounds there was nothing of importance, but the fourteenth round opened with Mattick forcing the pace. In the last round Mattick opened Desprey's left eye, and at the close of a well-contested bout the Englishman was given he award.

The bout provided by Bull and Couleaud was of the rugged order, spoiled somewhat by holding. Both were to blame, and first Bull and then the Frenchman came in for a reprimand. The Englishman was rather the better workman, and in the seventh essay, with a series of double-handed punches to the head and a light hook to the jaw, he dazed the Frenchman, who retired.

IN AUSTRALIA.

JACK JOSEPHS IN DRAWN BOUT.

Participating in a game of fist-cuffs on the last night of the Old Year, Jack Josephs (Pontypridd) and Harry Casey travelled twenty rounds to a draw, and the bout was such that with the exception of one or two rounds there was not enough excitement to make an onlooker bite his cigarette in two. Casey was always willing to go on with the business, irrespective of whether he connected or not. Jack held divergent views practically throughout. He would bring into action a pearl of a smother that it would take something sharper than a glove to get through; consequently Casey's gloves, for the most part, rested on Joseph's gloves or arms. Long range finding was not included in Jack's plan of belligerent operations; but when it came to close quarters he tattooed Henry's ribs and other portions of his adjoining anatomy with monotonous frequency. Casey forced practically all the way through the journey. If he had not done so, well, the fight would have been tamer than a ride in the council's trams. Casey was not feeling very clever in the sixteenth round,

when Josephs rested his glove on his nose five times in succession, and the claret was the first indication that the spectators had of a fight being in progress. It was in the twentieth round that matters got a bit willing, and Casey was in a responsive sort of mood for he gave as good as he got. The decision met with a mixed reception.

LOUIS PLEES BEATEN.

Boxing quite up to his old form, Sid, Godfrey, on his return to the ring on Dec. 22nd last, after some months' absence, gave an excellent display of boxing, and beat Louis Plee, the Belgian lightweight, on points, in 20 rounds. Plee got quite a good licking, but he was well repaid for tackling the Australian; his share of the spoils amounted to £400. In England at "The Ring," he fought Alf. Simmons, who is now in Australia, for seventeen rounds, and received some £32.

Great interest was manifested throughout the contest, although it was confidently felt that Godfrey, with his science, would win, in spite of the wild swinging of the Belgian and the possibility of his scoring a knockout blow. The Australian lightweight champion was in excellent condition; in fact, he never entered the ring looking so well. Plee is one of the toughest fighters seen in the Sydney ring for many years, but he has to go a long way in the game before he will possess one-half of the knowledge of ringcraft that Godfrey has. It was a fierce affair from the first bell. Godfrey was clever, cool, crafty, and determined, and Plee game and desperate. The punching at times was terrific. Though Plee landed many nasty punches on the body, he was well paid back in his own coin, and, further, was made to miss with hundreds of blows which had weight behind them. A feature of Godfrey's display was his excellent work in placing uppercuts to the mouth. From the outset it was seen that Godfrey was fighting with his old vim. With a boxer of the ferocity and the rushing tactics of the Belgian, he was at home. He used his arms and elbows in fine style to ward off blows, and swayed his head to lessen the effect of punches. He used a straight left most effectively, and that right of his nearly finished matters on many occasions. God-

frey always fought in a heady way. He planned and executed many clever moves, but he could not score a knock-out over the tough Belgian, who fought back as only the thoroughly game fighter will.

BELGIAN LIGHTWEIGHT WINS

Eddie Butcher, a Westralian of lightweight poundage, had a long run of ring successes checked on Nov. 24 at the Sydney Stadium by Louis Plee, being virtually knocked out in the seventh round. It was one of the most thrilling contests that has been witnessed at the Stadium for a long time, and Plee, a Belgian who had some contests in England before making for "Down Under," showed that he could give and take terrific punishment. He won all the rounds with the exception of the fifth, and in that session was weakened by a low blow, for which Butcher received a caution. The seventh will long be remembered by the big crowd of 8,000. Plee was aggressive from the bell, and worked Butcher into a corner, where he drove both hands to Butcher's head and ribs. The Australian eventually extricated himself, but he napped a right uppercut on the jaw which sent him to the floor. He was down for "seven," when the bell called "corners." A big effort was made to revive him, but without success, and just before the end of the minute's rest the referee intervened in favour of the Belgian.

MANCHESTER BOUTS.

In bouts of fifteen rounds duration at Belle Vue Gardens, Manchester, on Saturday last, Billy Farmer (Rotherham) outpointed Lonz Webster (Kirkmuir) and "Young" Lundy (Haslingden) won on points from Jack Marchant (Salford).

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